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Reply To  
Attn Of: ECL-113

Ms. Kathleen Hain, Manager  
Environmental Restoration Program  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Idaho Operations Office  
850 Energy Drive  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563

Re: EPA Review of the Fiscal Year 2002 Operations and Maintenance Report for the  
Central Facilities Area, Operable Unit 4-13

Dear Ms. Hain,

EPA received the Operations and Maintenance Report on January 15, 2003. EPA has reviewed the report and finds that the document concisely presents the required information. Therefore, EPA does not have any comments concerning the report. However, it should be noted that there have been a few changes to the OU 4-13 remedy since construction of the CFA-08 cover which should be reflected in the Operations and Maintenance Plan. For example, the Spreading Area A borrow source should be removed from the list of OU 4-13 maintenance requirements because this source was not used to construct the CFA-08 cover. Such changes should be included in an update to the Operations and Maintenance Plan as part of the OU 4-13 Final Report following remediation of the CFA-04 pond.

A list of maintenance activities completed in 2002 was included in the report as well as a list of maintenance activities planned for the landfills in 2003. EPA looks forward to reviewing documentation of landfill repair and revegetation in the Fiscal Year 2003 Operations and Maintenance Report.

Please give me a call at (206) 553-0040 if you need to contact me for any reason.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Ivy".

Kathy Ivy  
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Carol Hathaway, DOE-ID  
Clyde Cody, IDEQ